

REMARKS

1. Transmitted herewith under separate cover is a substitute specification for this application. Also included is a marked-up copy of the original specification showing the changes made to the original. The substitute specification is submitted in response to the Examiner's requirement in the pending Office Action.

2. Claims 1-4 have been cancelled and replaced with new claims 5-10 in response to the §112 rejections. The Examiner has made no examination on the merits of the invention, and hence no rejections based on prior art.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant now asserts that all of the grounds for rejection have been traversed or overcome by amendment, and that all of the present claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Applicant therefore requests reconsideration of the objections and rejections, and solicits allowance of the present claims at an early date.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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